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## Almost 1,000 lighthouses on chopping block

PROPERTY The world famous Peggy's Cove lighthouse is among the close to 1,000 lighthouses across Canada deemed surplus property by the federal government's Department

of Fisheries and Oceans.
According to the DFO
website, it has declared 976
lighthouses — including
about 480 active ones — as
surplus to its needs and no
longer wants them. A total
of 138 lighthouses from
Nova Scotia made the list,
released by DFO late last
month when its new Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act came into effect.

The DFO website says that individuals, cities or non-profit groups may apply for heritage designation of federally owned lighthouses. Owners would have to submit a business plan showing their use would be "economically viable over the long term, and that they have the capacity to manage the property."



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Navy copters set to arrive

— 3 years late

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Two-year-old Noah Fortuna doesn't need the beach to have a good time as he runs through the puddles in the Rainbow Haven parking lot yesterday.

#### Opposition, NDP to clash over documents

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POLITICS A showdown between the NDP and opposition parties is set for this morning, when the Liberals will try to drag the premier in front of the Public Accounts Committee for questioning. At issue is the 281 busi-

At issue is the 281 business documents the government withheld from the auditor general. Liberal MLA Keith Colwell will present motions to have

the committee subpoena the documents. Colwell, supported by the Tories, also wants Premier Darrell Dexter to appear before the committee and answer questions on the matter.

But the NDP have a majority of committee members and the motions are highly unlikely to pass. NDP MLA Leonard Preyra called the Liberal motions a "silly bit of grandstanding"

Preyra said the government fully intends to hand over the documents, but they first need to pass new legislation so that doing so doesn't breach cabinet confidentiality rules.

"They know that the government and the auditor general both want the same thing, which is essentially to get (him) these documents quickly," said Preyra.

But Colwell is trying to frame the vote in a different light. "If it doesn't happen it shows they're not going to be transparent about this whole thing, period," he said.

### Don't Taser mentally ill, probe hears

Series of stun gun shocks only agitated Hyde: Counsel

Tasers should not be used to restrain people known to be suffering from a mental illness or showing signs of emotional disturbance, the lead counsel for an inquiry into the death of a schizophrenic Nova Scotia man recommended yesterday as the probe drew to a close.

Dan MacRury, in his closing submission, said the inquiry heard expert evidence that Howard Hyde's death in a Dartmouth jail cell on Nov. 22, 2007, was

not linked to the repeated jolts he received from a stun gun while in Halifax Regional Police custody 30 hours earlier.

However, MacRury said a decision by police to repeatedly use a Taser on Hyde Hyde when he tried to flee the police station only enraged a man who needed psychiatric treatment instead of incarceration.

"The use of the Taser on Mr. Hyde had the opposite effect than the officers had anticipated," MacRury told the inquiry, noting police were told by Hyde's common-law wife he was suffering a psychotic episode and had not been taking his medication for months when he allegedly assaulted her.

"The Taser, rather than being a debilitating influence, escalated the level of agitation, strength and The recommendation was one of 62 Dan MacRury submitted to the inquiry. Final submissions are expected to wrap up tomorrow.

mental disturbance of Mr. Hyde."

The inquiry, which started last July, heard Hyde's sudden burst of strength could be attributed to a condition known as autonomic hyperarousal or excited delirium.

The condition is characterized by several traits, including incoherence, paranoia and suddenly intense, violent behaviour marked by profuse sweating and an elevated heart rate.

The medical examiner ruled the cause of Hyde's death was excited delirium due to paranoid schizophrenia with three contributing factors: restraint, obesity and heart disease.

MacRury said police in Nova Scotia should be told to stop using Tasers on mentally ill people, or those showing symptoms, because of the increased risk of serious injury and death. "The evidence is clear: crisis intervention techniques do work and the application of Tasers do not," MacRury said.

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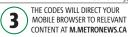


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## Local



#### Wheels in Motion rolls into HRM

Rick Hansen's Wheels In Motion is taking place at five different locations across the province on Sunday, including in HRM. The local event is being held at Oregan's Toyota at 30 Baker Drive in Dartmouth from noon to 3 p.m. The event includes teams racing against the clock through an obstacle course using a wheelchair. Funds raised from Wheels In Motion go to support those with spinal cord injuries. For complete information or to register a team, visit wheelsinmotion.com. METRO HALIFAX

#### Man arrested after his home burns

**DRUGS** A bad day got worse for a West Porters Lake man whose mobile home was destroyed in a fire as he was arrested by police after officers allegedly discovered a marijuana grow-op.

Halifax RCMP were on the scene to help with traffic control in the area as Halifax regional fire tried to control the evening blaze on Monday night. After the blaze was extinguished, RCMP allege they saw and seized 157 marijuana seedlings from a shed next to the house.

The man, 51, faces charges of cultivation of marijuana.

This is the third reported grow operation in the HRM since last Thursday.

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### Nature versus nature | Jury selected for Maquire

Bus terminal would be on park land, but drivers want new loos

JENNIFER TAPLIN

#### **Bus drivers and nature** lovers faced off at Halifax regional council last night.

The floor was open to the public to discuss the pro-posed site of a new, \$9.5million Dartmouth bus terminal. It would take out 3.5 acres of wilderness on the Dartmouth Common between the Dartmouth Sportsplex and Dartmouth High School.

Council ended up voting 20-3 to change the Municipal Planning Strategy to allow for a terminal in that area. They have not approved a specific design.

#### **Other business**

 Council approved a heritage distinction for the property on Kirk Road last night. The property called Finntigh Mara, meaning "small house on the sea" in Gaelic, is tucked in behind Sir Sandford Fleming Park

Several drivers expressed their frustration at the lack of bathroom facilities and the safety concerns at the current terminal in the Sportsplex parking lot. "Every minute you sit

here and drag this out our guys are suffering," said bus driver Paul MacDonald.

A hut was built for drivers to use, but MacDonald on the North West Arm. Marterra Inc. wants to build a housing project on the 3.5acre lot. They will be dividing it into 10 house lots and subdividing the main house on the property into two units.

called it "disgusting."

"It's 2010, the employees of this city deserve better than that," he demanded of council. "I don't care what you do, just do it now!"

The drivers who spoke said the current terminal is a "safety nightmare" with students darting out between buses and with criminal activity happening in the wilderness area.

But there's plenty of people who don't want the bus terminal to go ahead. Coun. Jim Smith presented a petition of 200 names to council.

Dartmouth resident Michael Cosgrove argued for the green space to be preserved. He suggested building the terminal at Alderney Landing, close to the ferry landing. Staff said it wasn't a viable option because buses would have to go out of the way and it would cost \$550,000 a year to divert buses to the site.

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## murder trial

**CRIME** Jurors were selected at Halifax's Nova Scotia Supreme Court yesterday to serve in the trial of Desmond Maguire, who was charged with first-degree murder in the death of Jennifer Horne, 20

Out of about 300 candidates, seven men and four women were chosen to serve as the jury, as well as two male alternates.

There is currently a publication ban on the trial proceedings.

The selection process did not begin until just before 11 a.m., and the process was

slow, with only two chosen by noon. It took until just after 3 p.m. before a panel of jurors, the Crown and



defence lawyers selected the 14 jurors and alternates. About two-dozen candidates were deemed unacceptable to serve.

"I wasn't terribly surprised by the number," said Crown lawyer Robert Morrison. "We thought there was the possibility there, but we didn't think it would be the majority of people who would have a preformed opinion of things.'

This came one day after Ashley Haley, Maguire's common-law wife, pleaded guilty to the same crime.

The trial begins today at 9:30 a.m. with the opening statements and the display of evidence

ADRIAN LEE/FOR METRO HALIFAX

#### Apartment blaze started with an overloaded extension cord

FIRE An overblown extension cord is to blame for an apartment fire in Dartmouth last week that has left about 60 people homeless.

Halifax regional fire spokesman

#### Help

Any landlords looking to assist with spaces available asked to call 496-0103.

Capt. Dave Meldrum said the fire at 50 Roleika Drive started from an apartment on the second floor in the bed-

room area. He said a tenant ran an extension cord underneath some bedroom furniture to a television and cable box.

"The source of the ignition was an electrical cord that was overloaded," he



A girl walks past a fire-damaged apartment building at 50 Roleika Dr. in Dartmouth yesterday. The fire department is saving that the fire was caused by an overloaded extension cord.

said. "This is ... accidental." Meldrum said in residential settings, they encourage people to only use extension cords for shortterm, temporary work. He said for items needing regular power in a residence, a wall outlet should always be used.

"Certainly, when we use extension cords, consult with your provider ... to make sure the extension cord you are using is a heavy enough gauge to support the amount of power load you'll put through it." Close to 100 people were

living in the building that caught fire last Thursday evening. On Monday, residents learned that only about 25 apartments could

be safely reoccupied, meaning two-thirds of the tenants won't be able to return to the 74-unit building.

The Canadian Red Cross is seeking help from landlords or property managers in the Halifax-Dartmouth area to find accommodations for the people left homeless

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### NDP report card: D for disaster?

Liberals pan Dexter government's first year in office, citing broken promises

PAUL MCLEOD

The Liberals assumed the role of schoolmarm yesterday, releasing a harsh report card on the NDP's first year in office.

The report card gives the "grade one" government the final mark of a D (slyly wedged between an N and

Dragging down the average was the Promises section, where the NDP received an F from the Liberals for broken pledges to not increase taxes or introduce a deficit. It got a D in Fairness and D- in Accountability.

The attached notes were not favourable.

A grade of D is still technically a passing one, but Liberal Leader Stephen Mc-Neil downplayed that.

"I don't know what your report card looked like, but I can certainly tell you coming home to my mother, it wouldn't have been a good day," he said.



Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil speaks in this file photo from February. The Liberals have issued a report card on the NDP government's first year in power and the marks are less than stellar.

When asked how he would grade his own party over the last year, McNeil, presumably smiling (it was a phone interview), recalled the approval rating he received from his own mem-

"I'd say 83 per cent sounds pretty good.'

McNeil insisted the report card should not be taken lightly because it represents real disappointment Nova Scotians feel with the

"This is serious business," he urged.

Disappointingly, the New Democrats refused requests to give a counter-grade to themselves, the Liberals or even the Progressive Conservatives.

"It takes me back to grade school," said NDP MLA Vicki Conrad. "And I'm thinking, 'Hey, we're not in grade school.'"

Conrad said she's proud of the work of her government has done, despite having to make tough choices.

She took issue with the Liberal grading system, saying the HST increase did not break the promise of no tax hikes because it was necessary.

We needed to make that hard decision," she said. "Is that a broken promise? Absolutely not."

The Tories also declined to grade their political op-ponents, though they did pass along a graphic of a shattered vinyl record with the caption "Broken Promises. Broken Record.'

#### Home construction soars in Halifax

**STARTS** Residential construction in Halifax went up last month -

According to data released from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., there were 303 housing starts in Halifax for May, up from 126 recorded for the same month in 2009.

Multiple starts increased the most — up to 223 units from 59. Single starts were up to 80 units from 67.

'May numbers were supported by a high level of apartment construction starts as 187 new units broke ground," Tim Andrews, market analyst with CMHC's Atlantic Business Centre, said in a release. "The overall increase in construction activity is reflective of stable employment levels, nearrecord wages and continued in-migration."

Housing starts in Atlantic Canada were up 22 per

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#### \$15.2M provincial offer to help dredge harbour puts heat on feds

**SYDNEY** The province is ready to spend \$15.2 million to dredge Sydney harbour after weeks of insisting it was up to Ottawa to first come up with its share of the project's funding. Pressure had been build-

ing from the community for the federal and provincial governments to step up with their portions of the funding for the \$38-million project, which would deepen the harbour channel by 17 metres

It culminated with a protest rally last Thursday that saw 300 people turn out in support of the har-

#### **Promises**

• The project has already received a promise of \$2 million from the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and \$1 million from Nova Scotia Power.

bour development plan.

Deputy premier Frank Corbett said the province is trying to persuade Ottawa

to help fund the project.
"We thought the project had gained considerable momentum in the area," said Corbett, who made the announcement yesterday in

Sydney.
"We thought it was wiser to put our money on the table now and hopefully that would give an impetus for the federal government to put its money on the table."

In a recent open letter to the media, John Lynn, CEO of the federally funded Enterprise Cape Breton Corp., said Ottawa would consider funding but not on the timetable laid out by the

project's proponents. Provincial funding is contingent on Ottawa paying the majority of the bill.

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#### Man gets ticketed after two hit-and-runs in Cole Harbour

COLLISIONS A 43-year-old man has been ticketed after one car was involved in two hit-and-runs in Cole Harbour yesterday.

Around 7:30 a.m., police say a black Intrepid hit a parked pickup truck on Arklow Drive, and then continued on. Police say the driver of the Intrepid then hit a cyclist at the corner of Forest Hills Drive and Chameau Crescent without realizing it.

"He thought he heard something, looked behind him and couldn't see anything, so he thought it might have been something wrong with his vehicle,

spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin.

The cyclist, 20, had minor cuts and bruises but didn't require medical attention. After witnesses gave the

RCMP a plate number and description of the car, officers arrested the 43-year-old at his workplace just after 9

Police later learned the driver had tried to contact the owner of the parked pickup truck.

The man will receive a summary offence ticket for failing to remain at the scene of the accident involving the cyclist.

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Union holding rally for locked-out workers

The Nova Scotia Government Employees Union is holding a rally today in Stellarton for those workers locked out by the Pictou County Shared Service Authority. A NSGEU release says the workers were locked out on May 31 and there have been no negotiations since then. METRO HALIFAX

## funds: Report

**ECONOMY** A regional economic think-tank says public dollars are still driving spending on major projects in Atlantic Canada as the struggling economy continues to keep many private-sector investors on the sidelines.

In releasing its annual project inventory report yesterday, the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council said it's not clear what will happen as government stimulus money begins to wind down. The 2010 inventory

tracked 343 of the region's largest investment projects valued at \$72 billion.

Senior economist David Chaundy said the effects of the global recession on private investment have already led to cancellation of projects such as an \$8billion refinery project in Saint John, N.B., and a \$5billion petrochemical plant in Nova Scotia.

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#### Man facing multiple charges turns himself in

**GROW OP** A man being sought for growing marijuana and possessing 24 unsecured guns turned himself into police in Musquodoboit Harbour on Monday night.

Police say they were investigating a call on Friday night about a drunk driver in East Chezzetcook who was allegedly threatening someone trying to prevent him from taking the wheel when they received a tip that there were firearms in the residence.

Police then obtained a search warrant, and allegedly found nine rifles, 14 shotguns, a sawed-off shotgun, various ammunition, along with a grow-op with 246 marijuana plants.

Joseph Roger Belanger, 53, faces multiple charges. ADRIAN LEE/FOR METRO HALIFAX

### Major projects rely on public Happy owners, happy cats

SPCA looking for homes for hundreds of abandoned felines

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The Nova Scotia SPCA has a feline overload and is hopeful people wanting to adopt the cuddly four-legged animals will come see them.

Kristen Williams, executive director of the Nova Scotia SPCA Provincial Office, said that in the last few weeks hundreds of cats and kittens have been dropped off at its branches across the province.

Williams said a lot of the cats and kittens the SPCA has been receiving are from surprise litters, either from unaltered pets or pets purchased through online classifieds that are found to be pregnant.

"Typically this time of year we see an influx of kittens and .

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available for

cats, Williams • To view have families coming in and surrendering animals that they weren't anticipating that they

would have

to pay for.
"We've also been finding litters abandoned at various locations.

The adoption fee for a cat or kitten from the SPCA is \$150, although prices can



Sandra Flemming holds three kittens available for adoption at the Dartmouth SPCA yesterday. The Dartmouth SPCA currently has more than 210 cats in foster and shelter care and is looking to find homes for all of the animals.

vary by branch. Williams said all of their adopted cats have been examined by veterinarians and have had their first vaccinations. along with deworming, microchipping, flea treatment and spay/neuter surgery.

"Really what we're doing with this campaign is, quite frankly, just bringing awareness to the fact we need willing, adoptive homes," she said. "If people are considering bringing an animal into their home, hopefully they consider adoption as their first choice

### Alleged thief snowblower for a stroll

DARTMOUTH Nothing says summer is just around the corner like spending a warm June evening pushing a snow blower down a busy city street.

A 26-year-old is facing charges of break and enter and resisting arrest after Halifax Regional Police say a man was seen pushing a snow blower down Portland Street in Dartmouth around 11 p.m. on Monday.

"It's not something you see everyday," police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said.

When the officers went to speak to the man about what he was doing, police say he fled the area, but was located a short distance away.

In trying to arrest the suspect, police allege the man then assaulted an officer.

"When the officer attempted to arrest him, he took a swing at him," Palmeter said. "It doesn't appear that he hit him, and then a struggle ensued."

In the course of its investigation, police allege the 26-year-old stole both the snow blower and

Mark Allan MacDonald of no fixed address, has been charged with two counts of break and enter and resisting arrest.

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#### **News** in brief

AWARD The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation is in high spirits after receiving the 2010 Gold Quill Award for excellence in business communication. The award was handed out Monday at the International Association of Business Communicators annual conference and awards ceremony in Toronto, "To be recognized internationally by

peers and experts from a creative standpoint for our work is an extreme pleasure," Rick Perkins, a vice-president for NSLC, said in a release. The NSLC won the award in the Publication Design category for its 2008-09 annual report and coffee table style book. The Faces of the Nova Scotia Liquor Cor-

#### Body of missing Hubley fisherman recovered

INVESTIGATION A 71-yearold Hubley man was found dead yesterday morning after he did not return home from fishing on Five Island Lake.

Floyd Nicholson went out to fish Monday around 7 p.m., but when he did not return, his family called the RCMP to help

with the search.

Halifax Regional and Halifax Services Ground Search and Rescue Team also assisted.

According to Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin, Nicholson's was found early yesterday morning "fairly close to the shore," about 200 metres away from his partially capsized boat.

Taplin could not say whether or not the boat was damaged, as it was part of the ongoing investigation, but he could confirm Nicholson had a lifejacket with him and that foul play is not being suspected.

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A new poll suggests more than half of Canadians favour some sort of co-operation between the federal Liberals and New Democrats. But The Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey indicates there's no consensus on what form that co-operation should take. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Canada



Canadian grass makes World Cup
Canada's soccer team didn't qualify for the World Cup in South Africa, but some of
the country's best grass did. Pickseed, a company based in Lindsay, Ont., spent
four years developing a special blend of grass that can withstand the stomping of soccer feet, regrow quickly and spread thickly. The blend has been chosen for the turf at the main soccer stadium in Johannesburg and at dozens of other practice fields and World Cup venues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### **Choppers delayed: Defence**

Two-thirds of Canada's new fleet of 28 navy helicopters won't begin delivery until June 2012, almost 3½ years behind the original schedule, the Defence Department has confirmed.

The delivery date in the \$5-billion contract with Sikorsky to replace the aging Sea King fleet was November 2008. The Defence Department delayed that last year when it renegotiated the deal so that an "interim" version of the CH-148 helicopter would begin delivery in November 2010.

department had those helicopters stated be delivered at a rate of one per month, which would have brought 19 of the choppers to Canadian bases by June 2012.

However, Lianne Lebel, a spokeswoman for the Defence Department, says six interim helicopters will come before 2012.

"In October 2009, Sikorsky advised the govern-ment that it would deliver six interim helicopters starting in November 2010 in advance of the delivery of fully compliant helicopters in June 2012," she

#### **Upgrades**

• The remaining 22 helicopters will have upgraded engines and begin delivery in 2012, at which time the group of six early choppers will be sent back to have their engines retrofitted. said a Defence Department spokesperson.

said. "Six interim helicopters are sufficient to complete the necessary operational testing and training until fully compliant heli-

copters are delivered." Col. Sam Michaud, the

commander of 12 Wing Shearwater air base in Nova Scotia, said in August 2009 that the first helicopter was expected in November 2010 and there would be "one per month after that." He went on to say, "according to the revised contract, Sikorsky will deliver essentially the complete aircraft, but it has some performance shortfalls related to power output and weight. They have until the 19th aircraft to come up with the final maritime helicopter configuration.

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#### PM tapped diplomats to stay on-message, investigation claims

#### Bottled Messages Special Report

POLITICS The long arm of Torv message control has reached around the world in an attempt to orchestrate virtually every public utterance by seasoned diplomats, from Britain to Bangladesh, an investigation by The Canadian Press concludes.

The secret to this un-precedented attempt to stage-manage Canada's most experienced high commissioners, ambassa-dors and diplomats is the Message Event Proposal a finely developed information tool aimed at giving the Prime Minister's Office total control over communication.

under the Access to Information Act reveal Stephen Harper's office has employed the device to micromanage Canadian diplomacy in the United States, the United Kingdom, continental Europe, Asia and Africa.

Even the most able and trusted of Canada's foreign service officers have been subjected to strict controls by the PMO through its public service arm, the Privy Council Office. "There's no question it has a bit of a chilling effect on people, because they know that they have to avoid being off-message at all and that's what the gov-ernment wants," said one currently serving diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity because of fears of career reprisals.

A PCO spokeswoman has defended the govern-ment's use of MEPs, saying they are a tool for communication. The Prime Minister's Office has declined comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MEPs obtained

#### Ex-Afghan minister warns Taliban peace talks will shatter progress of women's rights. can this code for the story.



#### Virginia Kiss and make up?



Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae kisses Yasser Abbas, son of Palestinian National Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, during a news conference in Arlington, Va., yesterday. Rae met with his father. Mahmoud Abbas, to "make sure that we build some kind of momentum for a real twostate solution" for Israel and the Palestinians.

#### **News** in brief

TASERS The secretary general for Amnesty International Canada says while there have been great strides to improve stun gun use in Canada, there needs to be a strict set of national standards. Alex Neve said the federal government needs to show leadership to ensure new standards for use

of the weapons apply to all police forces, and not just the RCMP

#### IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney has tabled new legislation meant to prevent crooked immigration consultants from cheating vulnerable newcomers of their savings or encouraging them to lie to stay in Canada. The measures would make it a crime for unauthorized consultants to provide immigration advice for a fee. They could face up to two years in jail or a \$50,000 fine for even trying to engage in immigration fraud.

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#### Official hits out at stem cell predators

SCIENCE It's "irresponsible and despicable" that many overseas clinics are purporting to offer stem cell treatments for people with illnesses without any scientific evidence, says the head of Canada's Štem Cell Network.

A study group report released yesterday by the In-ternational Society for Stem Cell Research aims to educate those who might be tempted, by providing criteria for people to evaluate claims made by hundreds of these socalled "rogue" clinics around the world.

There's been so much excitement around stem cell research and with good reason — it offers tremendous hope to cure many devastating diseases that currently there's no treatment for, but we're not there yet," Drew Lyall, executive director of the Stem Cell Network, said.

Clinics and companies are "preying on the desperate and the vulnerable, and taking as much money as they can from them in the process," he

The report recommends that each clinic be evaluated on whether it's been approved by a research ethics board in its jurisdiction, and whether it's been approved by an internationally recognized national oversight body.

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U.S. Senators looking to crack down on prepaid cellphones

Alarmed by the use of hard-to-track prepaid cellphones by terror suspects, two U.S. senators have introduced legislation requiring consumers to produce identification before buying such phones. Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, and John Cornyn, a Republican, are hoping to schedule hearings on the bill through the Judiciary Committee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## World

#### Yahoo signs Beckham

Yahoo Inc. said it signed British soccer star David Beckham as a brand ambassador ahead of the World Cup tournament in a move to draw more users to the online media company's products. Under the deal announced yesterday, Beckham will be featured on Yahoo websites and products exclusively before and after the World Cup, which begins in South Africa on Friday, as well as in company marketing. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

### Obama talks tough

U.S. President Barack Obama says his talks with Gulf fishermen and oil spill experts are not an academic exercise. It's "so I know whose ass to kick."

One target for the presidential foot: Tony Hayward, the embattled chief executive of BP PLC.

Obama was asked by NBC Today show host Matt Lauer about Hayward's past comments that "I want my life back," that the Gulf was "a big ocean" and that "the environmental impact of this disaster is likely to be very, very modest."

"He wouldn't be working for me after any of those statements," Obama said, according to excerpts released by NBC.

The interview aired yesterday. It was part of a stepped up White House effort to show that Obama is actively engaged in dealing with the worst oil spill in U.S. history, and to distance itself from the Londonbased oil giant, formerly known as British Petrole-

"I don't sit around just talking to experts because this is a college seminar, we talk to these folks because they potentially have the best answers — so I know whose ass to kick."

U.S. President Barack Obama

um. Polls have shown a majority of Americans believe Obama was handling the crisis poorly.

Obama stepped up his rhetoric with NBC's Lauer while on a trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to deliver a high-school commencement address.

In the interview, he strongly defended his role in dealing with the crisis, including

his three visits to the region since the spill began.

"I was down there a month ago before most of these talking heads were even paying attention to the Gulf," Obama said.

Obama said he has talked

to a variety of "experts" on the oil spill in addition to the fishermen.

"I don't sit around just talking to experts because this is a college seminar, we talk to these folks because they potentially have the best answers — so I know whose ass to kick," the president said.

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#### Gaza Strip Border lineups



A Palestinian girl sleeps on luggage as she waits to cross into Egypt at the Rafah border crossing in Gaza, yesterday. The opening of Gaza's border has hundreds crowding around officials to learn when, and if, they can cross into Egypt.

#### Doctor unveils anti-rape condom

JOSEFINA SOLOMON Metro World News

**SOUTH AFRICA** A doctor has launched a new female condom aimed at preventing rapes — and she plans to give away 30,000 for free before the start of the World Cup.

The female condom, Rape-aXe, is covered by tiny hooks which, in case of rape, attach themselves to the attacker's penis. According to its creator the only way to remove the condom is in hospital where the man would be identified as a criminal.

Unlike previous prototypes, it would not cut the attacker's skin, reducing the risk of HIV infection.

It's inventor, Dr. Sonnet Ehlers said she was inspired by a rape victim who told her "if only I had teeth down there." She explained the system would cause great pain, leaving time for the victim to escape.



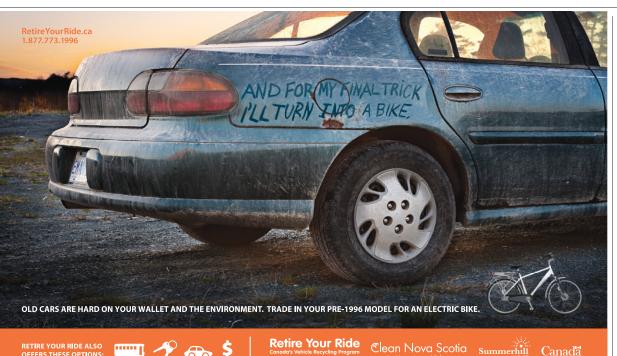
Dr. Sonnet Ehlers developed the condom because South Africa has one of the highest rates of rape in the world.

#### **News** in brief

**NORTH CAROLINA** A Tennessee man says he planned to propose to his girlfriend along

a North Carolina hiking trail when she was struck and killed by lightning Friday. Paramedics declared Bethany Lott dead at the scene.

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#### WHO boss denies H1N1 reports

FLU The head of the World Health Organization said yesterday that her decisions about the H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, were not influenced by advisers' links to pharmaceutical companies, which were pointed out in an article this month. The article last week in the BMJ pointed out that WHO did not disclose potential conflicts of interest among some of the experts involved in writing guidelines for pandemic flu preparations. Three scientists out of 22 who worked on the guidelines were named as having received some money from pharmaceuticals.

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## Barely treading water in lake of debt



his is the first time
I've ever agreed
with Chief Bloc
Head Gilles
Duceppe.

The indoor fake lake planned for the G8 summit in a Toronto media centre — right next to Lake Ontario — is indeed "one of the funniest things I've ever heard."

The only thing funnier was that photograph of Canada's national separatist wearing a shower cap at a cheese factory during the 1997 federal election. But I digress.

The fact that you and I are paying \$2 million for the lake by the lake (complete with Muskoka chairs) as an amenity for international journalists who may be intimidated by a real lake and need to stay indoors is not so funny.

Nor is the estimated \$2-billion price tag for both the G20 in Toronto and the G8 in the real Muskoka.

That's a lot of money for a meeting (well, two meetings). Haven't these world leaders ever heard of Skype?

Especially when the meeting is about how to get out of the global financial glue. They should all be eating cheese sandwiches on park benches in Allan Gardens. The simple truth is they can't afford any more. The U.S. national debt alone is north of \$13

trillion, which is 90 per cent of its GDP. Do you have any idea how much a trillion dollars is? Neither do I, but to go through it we'd have to spend \$1 every second for the next 31,000 years.

Or we could just get the U.S. government to do it for us: Washington will spend \$1.6 trillion more than it makes in just one year.

Canada's national debt is more modest — a mere \$527.5 billion (and counting) but isn't it bad form for a bunch of bankrupt oligarchs to be throwing around the peasants' money on fake lakes when they should all be sent to bed without their suppers and no allowance for an entire month?

I realize the lion's share of the cost for the G8/G20 blowout is for security. Someone could fall into the fake lake, never mind the real one right next to it. But the Harper administration is sparing no expense to talk about the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Maybe the fake lake is an appropriate symbol after

all. We're all underwater. And we have no idea how to get our heads back above the water line. Washington, for example, has started taking online donations. I kid you not: Check this out: www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html? agencyFormId=23779454.

Here in Canada, the Harper government doesn't bother to ask. It's enough to make a separatist smile.

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#### Word on the street: Will you be cheering for anyone at the start of the World Cup?

#### Joseph Rooney Halifax

A: I don't follow (soccer) at all. It won't make a difference if I see it.



#### Zokpah Dahn Halifax

A: I'd say Spain or Brazil ... I'm (also hoping) for a team from Africa to win. It's the first time for the World Cup in

#### Rob McDougall Halifax

or A: I'd say Brazil,
o they're one of my
n favourites. They're
n. more of a team
or than any other



A: Portugal, because of my nationality. And Cristiano Ronaldo is pretty

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A: I'd like to see an African team win this year, perhaps Cameroon. This is a good year (for Cameroon); they have a lot of poten-

#### Aisha Brown Edmonton

A: I'll be cheering for France this year, because they are the best team ever. I like their strategies, the way they



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General Motors Co. announced yesterday a recall of about 1.5 million trucks, crossovers and cars from model years 2006 to 2009 because the unit that heats the windshield washer fluid could catch fire. About 98,800 vehicles will be recalled in Canadia. The Canadian Press

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#### Hong Kong Protesters decry 'bloody Apple'



Protesters pray for the Foxconn workers who committed suicide next to a doctored cardboard cutout of Apple Inc.'s chief executive Steve Jobs at an Apple Inc. premium reseller in Hong Kong yesterday. Protesters picketed Foxconn's annual general meeting and targeted Apple retailers, accusing both the computer giant and its supplier of poor corporate ethics after a recent spate of suicides at Foxconn factories in mainland China.

## Report pushes feds to innovate

#### Put improvements before inventions: Think-tank

The Canadian government puts too much emphasis on invention, and not enough on innovation — even though the latter drives economic prosperity, according to a new report from a competitiveness think-tank.

Government policy tends to support inventions at the expense of improvements in existing products or processes that would provide value to consumers, says the provincially funded Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity

tiveness and Prosperity.

For instance, the latest federal budget increased funding for the research

granting councils by \$32 billion. Of this increase, \$29 billion was directed to sciences and health research, and only \$3 billion to social sciences and humanities, which would include business schools and executive management programs.

"We need science-based discovery as a foundation for innovation. But our prosperity is the result of business innovation that adds value to our day-to-day lives," said Roger Martin, chair of the institute.

The report argues against government cuts in education as a means to dealing with sky-high

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deficits. That was the approach Ottawa took in the mid-1990s, and it would be a mistake to do it again, the institute said.

Canada once invested in education at nearly the same per capita rate as the U.S., but has fallen behind by as much as 21 per cent. "We must continue mak-

"We must continue making investments in education to increase access for all Canadians to post secondary education, to raise the number of master's graduates, and to improve the classroom experience for students," the report said

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## Construction slows as housing market cools

HOUSING New home construction slowed in May as the number of startups last month fell below economists' expectations — the latest indicator that Canada's once white-hot housing market is cooling off.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reported yesterday that the annual rate of housing starts dropped last month, pegging the rate at 189,100 units in May, down from a revised 201,800 in April.

Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist at the Bank of Montreal, said May's figures were below expectations but "hardly a shock."

"The surprise so far in 2010 had been how quickly starts had ramped up from their depressed levels a year ago," Porter wrote in a note yesterday. "While the May level of starts is the lowest so far this year, it's still above where we see activity for all of 2010."

Economists have widely predicted a slowdown in the housing market in the second half of 2010.

Consumers
pushed many
sales forward
into the latter
half of 2009
and the early
part of 2010 in
order to get into
the market in advance of tougher new
mortgage rules in April,
the widely expected interest rate increase that was

announced by the Bank of Canada in June and the implementation of the harmonized sales tax in Ontario and B.C. coming

CMHC said the decrease in May is consistent with its forecast of 182,000 housing starts for all of 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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#### **Business** in brief

TECHNOLOGY Google has admitted it "screwed up" and is giving European authorities the private data it accidentally collected with its Street View cars. The admission comes on the heels of Canadian Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart announcing an investigation into the same thing. Google chief executive Eric Schmidt said on Friday that the company would start transfer-

ring the information this week. A spokeswoman confirmed the information would be sent to German, French and Spanish data-protection authorities.

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OIL The chief executive of Imperial Oil Ltd. says the massive spill from a BP oil well in the Gulf of Mexico will bring greater scrutiny to the industry in general, not just offshore producers. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Wozniak advances at Aegon Classic

Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak advanced to the second round of the Aegon Classic yesterday. Wozniak, the ninth-seeded player from Blainville, Que., did well to quell the serve-and-volley threat from Australia's Alicia Molik, winning 7-5, 6-1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Sports



#### Messi not in Real Madrid's sights

Real Madrid president Florentino Perez says the club will buy two or three new na 3 TV that "Messi is the second-best player in the world after Cristiano Ronaldo. It wouldn't be a good thing if they were on the same team, that way THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Strasburg K's 14 in debut

MLB Over-hyped? Are you kidding? Stephen Strasburg went beyond the hype — and anyone's reasonable expectations by striking out 14 batters in his electric major league debut.

With a standing-roomonly crowd



Strasburg

Washington Nationals phenom put on a dazzling display of pitching

power last night in a 5-2 win over Pittsburgh. His fastballs reached 100 m.p.h., and the Pirates found his nasty curves nearly impossible to hit.

Strasburg was last year's No. 1 overall draft pick.

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### Pronger not worried about past

Chris Pronger wore his usual relaxed manner and impish grin when he faced the media yesterday, as though the ugly numbers he put up in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup final never happened.

The Flyers defenceman was probably right to insist he didn't play that badly, despite going minus-5 and being on the ice for six of the Chicago Blackhawks' seven goals in a 7-4 victory that put the Flyers on the brink of elimination. On the other goal, he was in the penalty box.

One went in off his leg, another was blocked by his leg but went right to an opponent for a pass and a goal, another saw goalie Michael Leighton beat on a long shot that no defenceman could prevent.

So instead of dwelling on it, he's looking for the en-



Philadelphia Flyers goalie Michael Leighton pauses for a drink during practice yesterday in Philadelphia. Coach Peter Laviolette has confirmed that Leighton will start Game 6 for the Flyers.

tire Philadelphia team to bounce back with a strong effort at home in Game 6 tonight (CBC, 9 p.m.) to try to force a decisive seventh game in Chicago two nights

The Blackhawks lead the

best-of-seven series 3-2.

"I've already started to focus on Game 6 and I'm not really worried about it," Pronger said of the Game 5 debacle, in which the speedy Blackhawks skated rings around the Flyers

through the first period, then got timely goals as Philadelphia battled back.

"I don't know if you've watched much of the video but I have. There's not a whole lot you can do when puck bounces off your shin pad and goes in the a couple of times. So I'm not worried. It could easily have gone the other

NHL officials will have the Cup in the Wachovia Centre ready to be presented to the Blackhawks if they win. That's motivation enough for Pronger, 35.

"I think we know what we're up against," he said. 'They're trying to close us out and we're trying to get to a Game 7.

"Everyone in the lockerroom understands what's at stake and what we need to do."

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#### **Sports** in brief

NBA Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert refused to comment yesterday on reports he has offered a job to Michigan State's Tom Izzo and said superstar free agent LeBron James will not be consulted during the team's search for a new coach.

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#### The famous Dartmouth Subways name is no more. The Subways officially Sports **11** renamed itself the Dartmouth Taylor Flooring Ice Dawgs this week. METRO HALIFAX

### Levingston unveiled as new PBL president

MATTHEW WUEST

#### Andre Levingston has been given the reins of the Premier Basketball League. Now he says he's ready to crack the whip.

The Halifax Rainmen owner was officially unveiled as the PBL's new president yesterday following the league's annual meetings in Chicago and said he is "coming in shaking the rug" and that the league "can't continue to do business as usual anymore." Levingston, whose role with the Rainmen is expected to be unchanged, said his main focus is to have teams with more sta-

ble ownership.
"No longer are we looking for guys with an extra \$100,000 thinking they can own a professional basketball team in our league," Levingston said. "Those days are over. It has to be harder.

"We want solid owner-ship that will run business the way we want business

Although Levingston didn't come out and say it, it's safe to say franchises such as the Rainmen, two-time champion Rochester Razor-Sharks and defending champion Lawton-Fort Sill



Andre Levingston

(Okla.) Cavalry are the teams doing business the way the PBL wants.

The league is expecting to have eight teams next season, including the Saint John (N.B.) Millrats, who have been approved to relocate from Manchester, N.H.

Levingston, who founded the Rainmen in 2007, said he'll look at the budgets of each PBL team annually to ensure nobody is in over their heads.

We need to make sure they have the finances to give a good fan experience," Levingston said. "I don't want to see (any) shortcuts.

"I want all the bells and whistles: Dance teams, oncourt entertainment, halftime shows ... It's professional basketball and it should be professional bas-ketball at its best, not three teams doing it right and the rest doing it half-assed."

Levingston downplayed the potential for conflict and bias as a team owner holding such an influential league position.

"It's just common sense," Levingston said. "Fair is fair and rules are rules and rules will be followed by everyone, including the Halifax Rainmen."

#### **Halifax Canadians** improve to 4-0

BASEBALL The Halifax Pelham Canadians stayed unbeaten atop the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League last night with a 5-1 win over the Kentville Wildcats at Mainland Com-

Mike Butler earned the win on the mound, allowing just three hits and delivering 10 strikeouts. Mark Pelham and Tyler Covey led Halifax's bats, each chipping in with two singles and an RBI.

The Canadians are off to a 4-0 start, a game and a half up on the Truro Bearcats (1-0). They've also earned wins over the Sydnev Sooners and Dartmouth Moosehead Dry.

The Canadians aren't back in action until next Tuesday, when they host the Truro Bearcats.

Dartmouth, meanwhile, had its road game against the Bearcats rained out last night. The Dry will look for their first victory after an 0-2 start when they host the Kentville Wildcats at Beazlev Field tomorrow at 7:30 METRO HALIFAX

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#### Canadian universities golden at EcoCAR Challenge

Three Canadian university teams participating in the EcoCAR Challenge in San Diego have been named winners of individual awards. The University of Victoria, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and the University of Waterloo all won awards. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

## Metro Drive

#### Silverado priced

GM of Canada has announced the base price of the new 2011 Chevrolet Silverado HD pickup: The 2500 regular cab 2WD model starts at \$35,600. METRO NEWS SERVICES

### Highlander hip enough

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It seems quite the contradiction — the hybrid SUV. Hybrids — in general —

are the darlings of the urban "greenie," along with cloth grocery bags, fair trade lattes and David Suzuki documentaries.

SUVs on the other hand are the flagships of suburban excess. When they're not taking the lone executive on his or her daily twohour commute, these gas guzzlers are loaded up with kids' soccer teams or schlepping mass quantities of boxes and cans from the local Costco.

Can these two interests co-exist?

I'd say "yes" as many of the former eventually have kids and move out to

.010 **Toyota** Highlander Hybrid

Type: mid-size SUV Price: base \$43.025 Engine: DOHC 3.3 Litre DOHC, 24-Valve V6 Fuel Economy: 7.4/8.0/7.7 L/100 km (city/hwy/ combined)

#### Highlights

- Accommodates up to seven passengers
- Upscale looks

the 'burbs. And besides. not all of us who have shunned downtown living hate the environment.

Still, there aren't many hybrid SUVs on the market. Among them are the behemoth Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon hybrids, the compact Ford Escape hybrid, the premium Lexus RX 450h (starting at just under \$60K) and the even pricier (and less green) BMW ActiveHybrid X6, priced at just under \$100K.

The Highlander Hybrid, starting at \$43,025, is comparatively well priced, and for a mid-sized SUV, is surprisingly roomy and can realistically accommodate up to seven passengers.

Some have criticized its styling, calling it slab-sided and plain. I like its uncluttered sheet metal. And when decked out in Limited trim — as was my tester for the week — with its big 19-inch alloys and roofmounted spoiler, the Highlander looks quite upscale.

Like all Highlanders, it is powered by 3.3 Litre DO-HC, 24-Valve V6, working with high-torque electric motors front and rear.



Combined, Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive delivers 270 hp across a broad power band and up to 212 lb/ft of torque. This is mated to a continuously variable transmission.

Despite its size, the Highlander launches quickly

and enjoys a strong, linear flow of power. This hybrid is no wimp, but quickly loses the fuel-saving benefits of its green powerplant when you mash the pedal.

The Highlander Hybrid is less about compromise and more about delivering

the benefits you'd expect from an SUV — with few of the downsides. And it shouldn't attract the scorn of your chardonnav-sipping downtown friends, who may even invite you to their own big-box shopping adventure.

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Dodge unveils new logo

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#### **Automotive** in brief

**NEW MODEL** smart Canada is continuing its series of special edition models with the introduction of the smart fortwo edition greystyle. Limited to just 50 units in

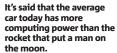
Canada, the smart fortwo edition greystyle coupe starts from \$21,750, and the cabriolet starts from \$24,750. Striking accents and an exclusive matte grey finish combine

to create a modern appearance for this latest edition to the smart line-up that is now on sale at dealerships across the country

METRO NEWS SERVICES



JIL MCINTOSH for Metro Canada



A new research project by IBM and McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont., is working on the theory of a "cognitive car" that will connect the vehicle's multiple microprocessors, which currently work in isolation, to provide important information for the driver

Such a car might predict vehicle failures before they happen, save fuel by sending the driver on less-congested routes, or even "talk" to other cars behind it to warn about hazardous road conditions up ahead.

"The average car has a minimum of 20 microprocessors, all connected with multiple networks,' says Don Aldridge,

general manager of research and life sciences at IBM Canada. "The objec-

**Force** tive is to eliminate as many of the separate devices as possible and consolidate them into one, if we can."

The research includes a grant award from IBM and is intended to study how using a single IBM multi-core processor could improve vehicle efficiency and safety. The processor, originally developed for video games, is now used for a wide range of applications.

Microprocessors can make cars more intuitive and safer to drive.

As mainstream electric cars get closer to their market launch, such microprocessors could be used to help drivers charge their cars at optimum times.

"One of the challenges of electric vehicles will be fear of running of juice,

out

Aldridge savs. **Driving** "By tying into a simple GPS requirement, would give options for charging wherever I happen to be. You also start tying into the system — am I potentially charging at a peak time, or not? The system should be smart enough to give you guidance and min-

imize the cost.' A car connected in such a way could know its location and how much power is left in its battery, tell its driver where the nearest

charging station is located depending whether prices are peak or off-peak, how much it would cost to recharge.

The microprocessors could also simplify car-tocar communication.

"At the moment, you have an automobile that's talking to the GPS system, Aldridge says. "It could also communicate with automobiles behind it, so that you'd know that black ice is up ahead because the cars share that with each other.







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## Jeep packs big power

#### Drivers drawn to Grand style

JUSTIN PRITCHARD

MODEL: 1999 to 2004 VEHICLE TYPE: 4x4 APPROXIMATED USED PRICE RANGE: \$2,500 to \$15,000

#### HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

Some time before cute-utes and soft-roaders began taking over the Canadian utility vehicle scene, Jeep was putting down roots as a sought-after brand when real all-terrain capability and on-road comfort were priorities.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee was arguably the original luxury sport utility vehicle, and its last full generation was available from 1999 to 2007 packed with more features, off-road prowess and luxury than ever.

With advanced four-

wheel drive, available V8 power and plenty of luxurious extras, there's bound to be a Jeep Grand Cherokee in the used market for virtually any shopper.

Standard power came from a 195-horsepower, four-litre straight which is argued to be one of the most reliable American en-Second gines of all time. This Gear unit was replaced by a 3.7 litRE V6 later in the lastgeneration Grand Cherokee's life.

Should either six-cylinder workhorse not provide enough snap for your needs, a 4.7 liter V8 was also available, with 235 or 265 horsepower, depending how new a model you're considering.



The 1999-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee may not be thrifty but it has the performance you want from a 4x4.

#### WHAT OWNERS LIKE:

No surprises here: capability, cargo room and all-season driving confidence were the main draws of the Grand Cherokee. Styling, performance and power were also highly rated.

**WHAT OWNERS HATE:** Typical Grand Cherokee complaints include vague steer-

ing, a noisy mechanical cooling fan, a bouncy ride, and of course, hefty fuel consumption.

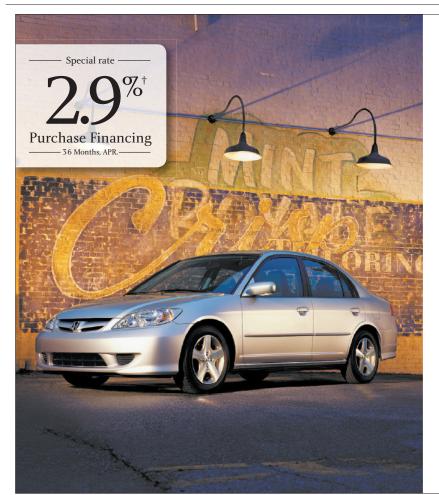
**COMMON ISSUES:** For the most part, the Grand Cherokee's driveline hardware was trouble-free and reliable. Problems with engines, transmissions and transfer cases look few and far between, though several

important checks should be considered mandatory before agreeing to purchase a used model.

Ensure all windows operate in both directions as expected — otherwise a window-regulator replacement may be on the horizon. Ensure brakes are up to par too— and that there's no shuddering or squealing while driving or stopping. A

mechanic can assess the condition of the Grand Cherokee's braking system in a few minutes.

THE VERDICT: A non-abused and well-maintained last-generation Grand Cherokee isn't the thriftiest way to travel, though it remains a popular used 4x4 buy for owners who need plenty of power and prowess.



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## Workology

#### No more credit cards for VIU tuition

Effective this September, Vancouver Island University will no longer accept credit card payments for tuition or for student union and activity fees. The cost to administer credit card payments at the university is over \$420,000 per year, with credit card fees between \$330,000 and \$340,000 annually. VIU Joins a number of Canadian institutions that have either stopped accepting credit cards for tuition payments or are considering such a policy.

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## Harness your star power

KEITH CARMAN for Metro Canada

You're the new hotshot on the corporate block but nobody's heard of you? Maybe it's time to look at your promotional strategy.

Formulating a branding plan is the first rule of virtually every notable personality — from U.S. President Barack Obama to Ellen De Generes.

"The common thread of success among (celebrities) is the fame formula," notes Maggie Jessup, coauthor of Fame 101, a book dedicated to professional success secrets. "They packaged their expertise into compelling personal brands, used Hollywood-level publicity to get visible and then promoted their brands to celebrity-hungry target communities."

Maggie and partner Jay Jessup know how celebrities become popular, rich and happy due to their experience in their own publicity/branding boutique, Platform Strategy. Everyone from start-up gurus and scientists to actors, authors, lawyers and royalty have utilized their services with great suc-

Taking that experience to study the career models of 75 celebrities, the Jessups have boiled down branding's rudimentary aspects into Fame 101.

"People who promote and publicize their personal brand enjoy three strong benefits: Greater visibility, enhanced credibility and increased income," notes Jay, reiterating that victory relies on creating a familiar, friendly visage.

You can maintain publicity by being snappy and

Fame 101 authors highlight five favourite, brilliantly executed personal brands

John Travolta:
Went from B-list player to million-dollar movie superstar,
"by harnessing the power of publicity and continuously evolving his

girl to cooking superstar with television shows, a magazine and book deals, "she's adept at personal branding and publicity but stays on top by remaining nice despite becoming one of the era's most powerful brands."

From grocery-store aisle pitch

President Obama and Sarah Palin:

"Politics aside, each has captured and maintained a niche with the most power"We don't even need to say her last name, her brand is that powerful. Ellen is a great example of the lifetime value of consistently working on your personal

ept at niche with the most power example of the lifetime value of consistently working on your personal brand while staying visible."

entertaining, write a book
— "A successful book will
change anyone's professional life overnight" —
and speak publicly whenever possible in order to
connect with large groups
fast.

"Look around at the next big event you attend," he adds. "The big brands are onstage delivering a 20-minute talk. It could easily be you. Very visible people are simply more successful. Personal branding done well delivers increased credibility and that in turn gives you an edge in any professional activity. Great personal



"People who promote and publicize their personal brand enjoy three strong benefits: Greater visibility, enhanced credibility and increased income."

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brands attract clients, win career opportunities and enjoy substantial financial rewards."

However, the Jessups declare that you need something to offer in the first place. Personal branding is about maximizing that potential. While success can be expedient, continued prosperity takes time and continued work, even after one begins to reap rewards. However, once you find your niche, you don't have to be the next Oprah Winfrey, Maggie points out, anyone can make personal branding profitable.

"A coffee shop waitress can become an immensely successful national brand using the fame formula; Suze Orman did. A recently divorced mother, barely getting by as a bank teller can quickly change her fortunes and join society's elite; Paula Deen did."

#### Think twice before taking on old clients



mployment is a two-way street.

Just as they can be dismissed without notice, employees are not "owned." They are always free to leave. However, disputes often arise when they try to take their clients with them.

Since clients' affiliations often lie with the relationships that are built and the key employees who have built them, courts permit employers to protect their clients through contractual limits on post-employment solicitation.

But what happens when there is no contract at all?

To many clients, professional engineers Robert Whyte and Bill Dainty were the "face" of their firm, Aquafor Beech. As well, their work accounted for a quarter of the company's revenue.

In the fall of 2003, Whyte and Dainty left Aquafor and established their own competing engineering firm, Calder Engineering. Many of their clients remained with Aquafor; however, a few decided to leave and continue their relationships with Calder along with two more Aquafor employees.

Aquafor suspected that Whyte and Dainty had acted inappropriately by improperly soliciting clients and employees.

However, Aquafor did not have employment contracts with Whyte and Dainty that prohibited them from working for a competitor or soliciting its clients. Without contracts, there is nothing to stop ordinary employees from leaving and then competing for business. But this is not the case for fiduciary employees, who have obligations to their former employers and can render them vulnerable both during and after their departure.

Since they played significant roles at Aquafor, the court ascribed to them fiduciary titles. However, there was no evidence of unfair competition, so Aquafor's case was dismissed.

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Sometimes the very best way to get a real feel for a country is to take to two wheels and get around under vour own steam.

You're not insulated like in a car, and you aren't restricted to someone else's agenda as with public transport. And, as any cyclist will tell you, a biking holiday will get you talking to the locals like nothing else. Here are our current favourites.

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The Turquoise Coast Cycle tour offers some of the best views of

hill agony. The routes tend to be trace gentle loops around shorelines Fuschlsee and V Wolfgangsee. Attractions include the cog railway up Schafberg, the Mozart mu-seum in St Gilgen and the church in Mondsee, which played a starring role in The Sound of Music. A good base is the Salzburger Dolomitenhof Hotel which is offering three day tours from \$159

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## **Entertainment**

Most Wanted with his The Proposal co-star, Sandr Bullock, for an action comedy with the working title Most Wanted. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Soldiers of fortune

#### The A-Team remake ready to rip up the big screen

NED EHRBAR Metro World News

**Bradley Cooper readily ad**mits his favourite part of making the big-screen adaptation of The A-Team was working with Liam Neeson. The Oscar-nominated actor, who plays team leader Hannibal opposite Cooper's Face, elevated the entire production, he insists.

You can't really argue with the talent and ability and experience, which is what he brought to the movie," Cooper says. "It's like if you step on a court with Michael Jordan, the court's going to feel different. He raised everyone's game.

But Neeson is quick to point out he had some learning to do himself, especially when it came to improvisation thing Cooper does a lot. One particular day of shooting comes to mind for Neeson: A-Team "This scene starts opens

that's not on the Friday page," he remembers.
"Bradley starts this improv, and I'm going, 'What the hell is this? What is going on?' And then it would come to my line, and I'd forget my line because I was so busy watching Bradley and (director) Joe (Carnahan) getting off on each other. So it was terrifying, the first few days. I can't do that s-. I'm an old traditionalist. I like to

learn my lines and deliver them.'

Improvisation aside, Neeson speaks highly of the experience of making The A-Team — but he also admits there were draw-

backs to working on such a big project. "It's a big studio movie, and of course there's a lot of studio Neeson says. input," "Every time we changed a

semicolon, a comma, of course it had to be passed through the studio. That would get frustrating, personally speaking. Very frustrating.'

For mixed martial arts fighter Quinton "Rampage" Jackson, stepping into the role of B.A. Baracus made famous by Mr. T was a point of honor more than anything else. "There's no way I was go-

ing to come and try and outdo Mr. T," Jackson says.
"I figured that if I just be myself and put myself in there, maybe the fans will accept me, because I'm

such a big fan."
With The A-Team being Jackson's first major movie role, he could be excused for being a little nervous going up against the likes of Neeson and Cooper. But he managed to keep his cool, he insists - except

once.
"My first scene working with Liam, when he carjacked me in the van, scared the living daylights out of me," Jackson says.
"I'm from the hood. I've



Bradley Cooper, from left, Sharlto Copley, Liam Neeson and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson star in The A-Team.

been shot at before. I've had a gun put to my head. But Liam scared the hell out of. He put this gun to my head, and I almost pissed myself."

Rounding out the team is South African actor Sharlto Copley, the breakout star of last year's District 9, who signed on to play loose-cannon pilot Murdoch. Possibly the biggest fan of the series in the cast, Copley found making The A-Team almost like a vacation. District 9 was very grueling, and the role was quite heavy at times emotionally. I found this actually very easy," he says, comparing the two films. "My part was the smallest of the four, so I had a lot of downtime in my trailer. I had lemurs visiting in my trailer, and had them turn it into a little petting zoo. I mean, these things you do on these big

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Nominees Laura Bell Bundy and
Miranda Lambert — perform for
the 2010 awards from Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.
Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood,
Toby Keith and Lady Artschiller. Toby Keith and Lady Antebellum also are scheduled to perform during the award ceremony, where the winners are voted on by fans. 9 PM on CMT

Happy Town
Already eager to flee Haplin
after her terrifying kidnapping
experience, Rachel (Amy Acker)
becomes even more upset by
John Haplin's (Steven Weber)
pressure to remember her or pressure to remember her or-deal. Detective Hobbs suspects Greggy Stiviletto knows the truth about who severed the hand that turned up at the bakery. 10 PM on ASN



A Kiss and tell memoir is coming from Ace Frehley, former lead guitarist of the heavy metal band. No Regrets is a look back at a "life of sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll." Gallery, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, plans to release in the summer of 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tokyo Police Club fights on

## Retired 'buzz band' had fun making new album Champ

CAM LINDSAY for Metro Canada

#### There's a fine line between buzz and hype. No band knows this better than Tokyo Police Club.

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After taking the indie rock community by storm in 2006 with their debut EP, A Lesson In Crime, the Newmarket-bred/Torontobased four-piece found themselves trying to battle the overwhelming hype that came with their first full-length with 2008's Elephant Shell.

Though it was a solid album, the band's decision to subdue the frenetic nature of their EP and ripen their songwriting skills caught many people off guard. "Going into Elephant Shell, we had never made a full record and as

such had no idea how much time it would take to write and record one," admits singer/bassist David Monks. "Plus we had sparse time between tours and three weeks to make the record. We all put a higher price on time off now. The tours are still gonna be there."

The hectic experience prepared the band for when it came time to make their second album with producer Rob Schnapf (Elliott Smith, Beck). Titled Champ, Monks says the pressure was off now, especially because they had retired from their "buzz band" tenure.

"Champ was fun. We just did whatever felt good and didn't worry about things. When we were writing it we were at home



Champ is the new album from Tokyo Police Club.

and there wasn't all of this anticipation. There wasn't a build up with this album, which left us in a good headspace. I think we all consider Elephant Shell to be our sophomore record, so with this one there wasn't any of the 'second record' stress."

Listeners may not hear a monumental leap in the

band's sound on Champ, but the extra time they took to make cleared up any confusion there may have been about the type of music Tokyo Police Club were making.

"The whole writing process of Champ was less self-aware than Elephant Shell," explains Monks. "We felt like we didn't have a sound we needed to fit into. With Elephant Shell, I think we fell back on that."

Instead of trying to live up to the multifarious genre tags and descriptors the music received after their debut (Monks singles out "laser guitars" as a laughable favourite), Tokyo Police Club realized "There wasn't a build up with this album, which left us in a good headspace. I think we all consider Elephant Shell to be our sophomore record, so with this one there wasn't any of the 'second record' stress."

David Monks

the wisest thing they could do was stay faithful to their own brand of fizzy indie rock. Champ is a testament to this consciousness.

Add Monks, "The reality is, when you find that new style or sound, whatever it is, half the people out there are still just going to say it sounds like 'good ol' TPC!' Music is a funny thing."

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A court is telling Ja Rule to book a date in New York City this summer — for a trial in his three-year-old gun case. A Manhattan judge yesterday set an Aug. 18 trial date for Ja Rule, whose real name is Jeffrey Atkins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Rocking the CMTAs

#### Host musician promises viewers an 'awesome' party

Kid Rock won't be too far out of his comfort zone as host of the Country Music Television Awards. It will be kind of like throwing a

"They're just kind of loose and fun, and they're geared that way — to have fun," he said of tonight's event, to be aired live on from network Nashville's Bridgestone Arena.

'You go to the Grammys, and it's very serious. You're just like, 'Man, everyone lighten up a little bit. It's fun. It's music. Let's celebrate," he said. "And that's just kind of the atmosphere at the CMT Awards, just really laid back, really fun, got some over-the-top per-formances, a little riff raff here and there. It just creates for a good atmosphere, good time.

Kid Rock wouldn't reveal too much of what's going to happen during the show, but he did offer up a possible scenario.

There will probably be (a moment) where I propose to Kellie Pickler," he said. "She'll immediately dump me as I'm flirting with Carrie Underwood. I'll probably be smacked by Miranda Lambert for the whole fiasco. Then me and Jamey Johnson will go get

When informed that



Kid Rock wil host tonight's Country Music Television Awards.

#### "There will probably be (a moment) where I propose to Kellie Pickler... She'll immediately dump me as I'm flirting with Carrie Underwood."

Kid Rock, CMT Awards host

Lambert is now engaged to fellow country artist Blake Shelton, Kid replied, "I'm not messing with Blake or Miranda. I'm actually more scared of Miranda.

Back in April, he announced on his website that he would be hosting the CMT Awards by writing, "All I can promise is I will be awesome.'

Asked how he would live up to that promise, he smirked and said, "This is where the cocky me comes out. ... How could I not be

Even though he is known to many for his rock music. over the years he has made Nashville a second home collaborations through with artists including the Zac Brown Band, Willie Nelson and Gretchen Wilson.

Unlike many artists from other genres who occasionally try to crossover into country music, fans and artists seem to have embraced Kid Rock. His 2008 song All Summer Long was a top five hit on the country singles chart, and the video won a CMT Award last year. He also taped an episode of CMT Crossroads with Hank Williams Jr. in 2001 and had a country hit in 2002 with the song Picture, sung with Shervl Crow.

"I'd like to say it's because I'm skinny. I'm cute. I'm fun at parties, but I don't think that's the real reason," he said of his appeal to country listeners. think it boils down to the music, maybe the honesty if I had to take a guess."

Besides his hosting duties, Kid Rock will also be performing on the show. thers in the lineup include Tim McGraw, Brad Paisley, the Zac Brown Band, Toby Keith, Lady Antebellum, Miranda Lambert, Carrie Underwood, Jamey Johnson, LeAnn Rimes, Keith Urban and John Mayer.

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#### McCoy puts dark tunes aside on solo

#### Travie McCoy is a happy

The six-foot-five frontman of Gym Class Heroes exudes a cheery attitude; he even glows about sitting in a comfortable chair.

This is the first time I've sat in a chair where I can wiggle my feet. This is so awesome," McCoy, 28, says with a huge smile during an interview. "I feel like a little kid."

That kind of jovial attitude is all over his solo debut, Lazarus, out this week. But McCoy acknowledges that the album didn't start off with that mood.

"A lot of the songs, they all had kind of a dark tone to them and they were really sad and sombre," he said. "I didn't want it to go down that road. So I kind of reevaluated everything and I kind of put a lot of those songs to the side.

#### Why was the record initially a dark one?

It's just where I was at mentally. Art imitates life and I tend to write a lot about my experiences and things I been through. And at the time I was going through a lot (in) my personal life. There was a lot of crazy stuff going on in my fami-ly, there was a couple deaths. All that was kind of creeping its way into the



Travie McCoy

music and I was like, 'I need to stop this right



Was it therapeutic to record the upbeat material?

I think it was more therapeutic to get that darker stuff out, you know what I mean? Getting all that out and you know, that was kind of my woosah. That's all out and it just made way for more positive and uptempo and happier songs.

#### Why did you want to do a solo CD?

We all had, you know, projects out-side of Gym Class Heroes, other musical outlets that we used to express ourselves musically. This is just one being put out on a bigger scale, you know, for public consump-







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Demi Moore, an actress famous for showing all, will now tell all. HarperCollins announced Monday that it had acquired a "candid" memoir by the raspy-voiced star. The book will cover her life and career and is tentatively scheduled for release in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **Celebrity Buzz**

### Small details hamper | True Blood star opens Charlie's plea bargain

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as only eating jail-provided meals, or face sanctions.

The jail also offers less strict work release arrangements, allowing people to report to their day jobs and essentially act as regular citizens during the day. However, Pitkin County sheriff's spokeswoman Deputy Marie Munday said that's intended for locals who need to keep their jobs while serving time. She said Sheen didn't qualify because he's not a resident with an existing

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## up about bisexuality

OF VAMPIRES WORLDWIDE After sneaking the revelation that she is bisexual into a public service announcement in April, Anna Paquin is opening up about the issue. "It wasn't like it was a big secret. It was just a cause I cared about and privately supported but not one that I had ever had an opportunity to speak out about in a way that would be useful." she tells Zap2it. "Obviously, as someone who identifies as bisexual, those are issues I really care about. And frankly, I don't see why everyone doesn't care about them," she says of

Colors which lobbies for equal rights issues. The Oscar winner plays Sookie Stackhouse on hit HBO True series Blood, and is engaged to co-star Stephen Mover. METRO WORLD

Striptease star will continue to expose herself

#### **Brown-out in Britain**

Sheen un-

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MAYBE THEY'RE JUST HUGE RIHANNA FANS Britain says U.S. singer Chris Brown has been denied entry into the United Kingdom, postponing his tour.

Brown had been scheduled to perform. but the British government said he had



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#### Efron has Edward envy

LOOKS LIKE JACOB ISN'T THE ONLY MYTHICAL CREATURE JEALOUS OF VAMPIRES Zac Efron is reportedly bristling at the continued popularity of Twilight — and the franchise's leading man, Robert Pattinson. "Zac couldn't believe the amount of attention Robert got at the MTV Movie Awards," a source tells
Popeater. "It was only

yesterday that Zac was Hollywood's golden boy, enjoying making young girls scream. That didn't happen this year. All the girls wanted Robert and barely even noticed Zac. METRO

Celeb**Tweets** 

JESSICA SIMPSON

makes the most im-

portant discovery of

her life, JOHN CUSACK

is trying to keep his eyes

open, and ELIZA DUSHKU is

trying to be the mature one

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### Lohan: 0, SCRAM:

BIG BOOK O' IMPROBABLE **EXCUSES: MY ANKLET WENT** OFF FROM THE ALCOHOL VAPOURS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S DRINKS, WATCH FOR IT IN 3, 2... One night out with her SCRAM alcohol-monitoring anklet, and Lindsay Lohan is already having problems. The device started flashing during Katy Per-

Áwards afterparty, an eyewitness Star magazine. "All of a sudden. her SCRAM ankle bracelet started flashing furiousbright red,

mashes — right through her boot," the source save "57 "She wasn't source says. drinking or doing drugs that I saw. She didn't seem fazed whatsoever. I mean it was very obvious.

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### A wedding fit for a superspy

SADLY, PULLING OFF A when they answered their TOP SECRET AFFAIR invitations. As for her LOSES HALF THE dress. Arterton recently FUN IF NO ONE told Instyle magazine, WAS PARTICU-There's this beautiful LARLY INTERscene in (Franco) Zeffirelli's Romeo and Juliet where she runs ESTED IN THE FIRST PLACE British acout of the bedroom tress and forafter a night with mer Bond girl Romeo, and she's wrapped up in a Gemma Arter-ton used some sheet. She looks gorgeous. tricks of My wedding her own to pull off a top-secret gown kind of like wedding in Spain to fiancé Stefano Catelli, according to the Daily Mail. Guests

@JessicaSimpson I just might like Earth Balance more than butter thanks to one of my @johncusack friendship tour in china-- jetlagged and ready for anything ..

@elizadushku Peace & forgiveness to the snarky girl on Sunset Blvd I just called



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#### Jackson pop demands more info on Michael's millions

BECAUSE MY CHEQUING ACCOUNT - ER, THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW! Michael Jackson has reportedly earned more than \$900 million US since his death last year, thanks to a lucrative deal his estate's executors made with Sony that included the concert film This Is It, according to the Daily Mirror.



know more about the earnings. "They are being too secretive. The public has a right to know what the estate is doing in his name," Joe tells the news-

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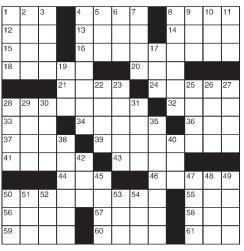




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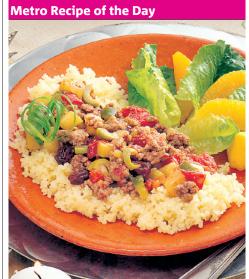
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#### **Take Five**



#### **Tex-Mex Picadillo**

#### INGREDIENTS:

500 g lean ground beef 2 cloves garlic, minced 540 ml can stewed toma-toes, undrained and cut up 1 medium-size apple, unpeeled and chopped 4 large green onions with tops, finely sliced 1/3 cup raisins 1/4 cup water 2 tbsp chopped pimentostuffed green olives 1 tbsp minced pickled jalapeño 1 tbsp vinegar 1 tsp sugar 1/2 tsp celery seeds 1/2 tsp each ground cinnamon and ground cumin 1/4 tsp each salt and black

pepper

1. In skillet, cook ground

1/8 tsp ground cloves

beef and garlic over moderately high heat until meat is browned. Drain off

2. Stir in tomatoes, apple, green onions, raisins, water, olives, jalapeño pepper, vinegar, sugar, celery seeds, cinnamon, cumin, salt, black pepper and cloves.

3. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 20 minutes. Serve over hot cooked rice.

#### **SERVES 4**



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#### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Today's cosmic picture promises a surprise of some sort, and while there is nothing to fear it might be wise to stay on good terms with family and friends

SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your latest idea may be a great one but a friend or colleague can see something about it that you have missed.

#### **TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21

(g) You must stay impartial, no matter how committed you may be to a particular viewpoint or set of beliefs.

#### **SCORPIO** OCT 24-NOV 22

Why do so many people insist on seeing only the negative side of your proposals? Don't let it worry you. You'll make it happen, with or without them.

#### **GEMINI**

On the

MAY 22-JUNE 21 You would be wise not to be lieve everything you see and hear over the next 24 hours. Could it be that someone is try-

#### ing to trick you? **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21
It is impossible for even an as-

trologer to predict how a certain situation will work itself out, so err on the side of caution.

#### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Why are some issues so hard to get your head around? Whatever the reason you will have to battle against chaos and confusion. It's a battle you can, and must, win.

#### **CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20**

You may not want to give some one a hard time over a mistake but if you let them get away with it they might make even bigger mistakes in the future.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You are not responsible for other people's failings, nor should you help them too much. The last thing you want is for them to come to rely on you.

#### **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18

Do you stick with what you know and trust or do you strike out in a radical and original direction? It's all about new

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Set yourself targets you know you will be able to reach and al-

low yourself plenty of time to relax. And don't panic if you find yourself behind schedule.

#### FEB 19-MARCH 20



You seem to be of the opinion that nothing can possibly go wrong in your life and you are probably right. But don't take anything for granted.

#### This day in history

1534: Jacques Cartier is the first European to discover the Saint Lawrence River. 1928: Charles Kingsford Smith completes the first

trans-Pacific flight in a Fokker Trimotor monoplane, the Southern Cross.

1934: Donald Duck makes his debut in The Wise Little Hen. 1959: The USS George Washington is launched. It is the

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